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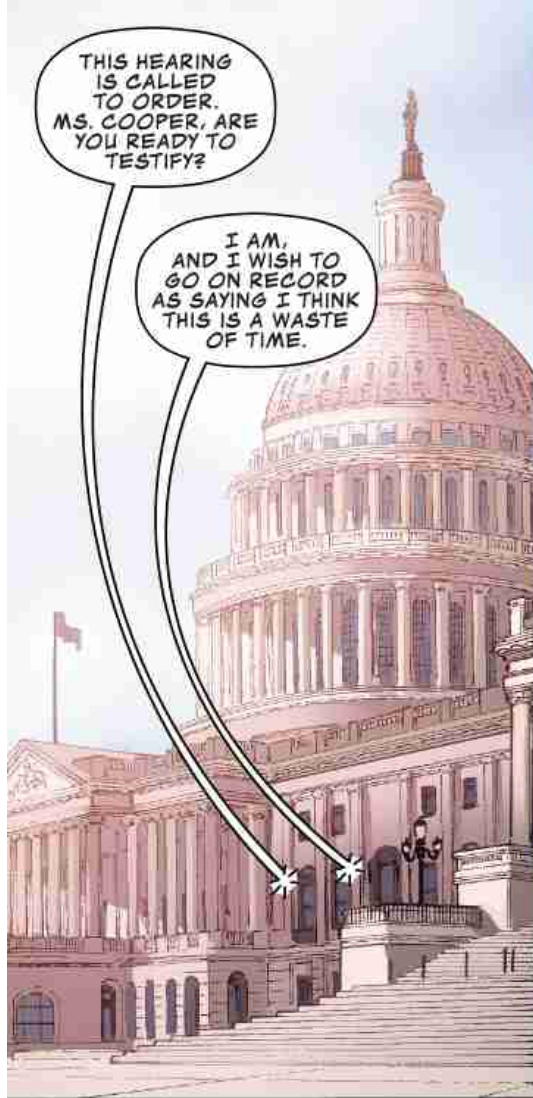
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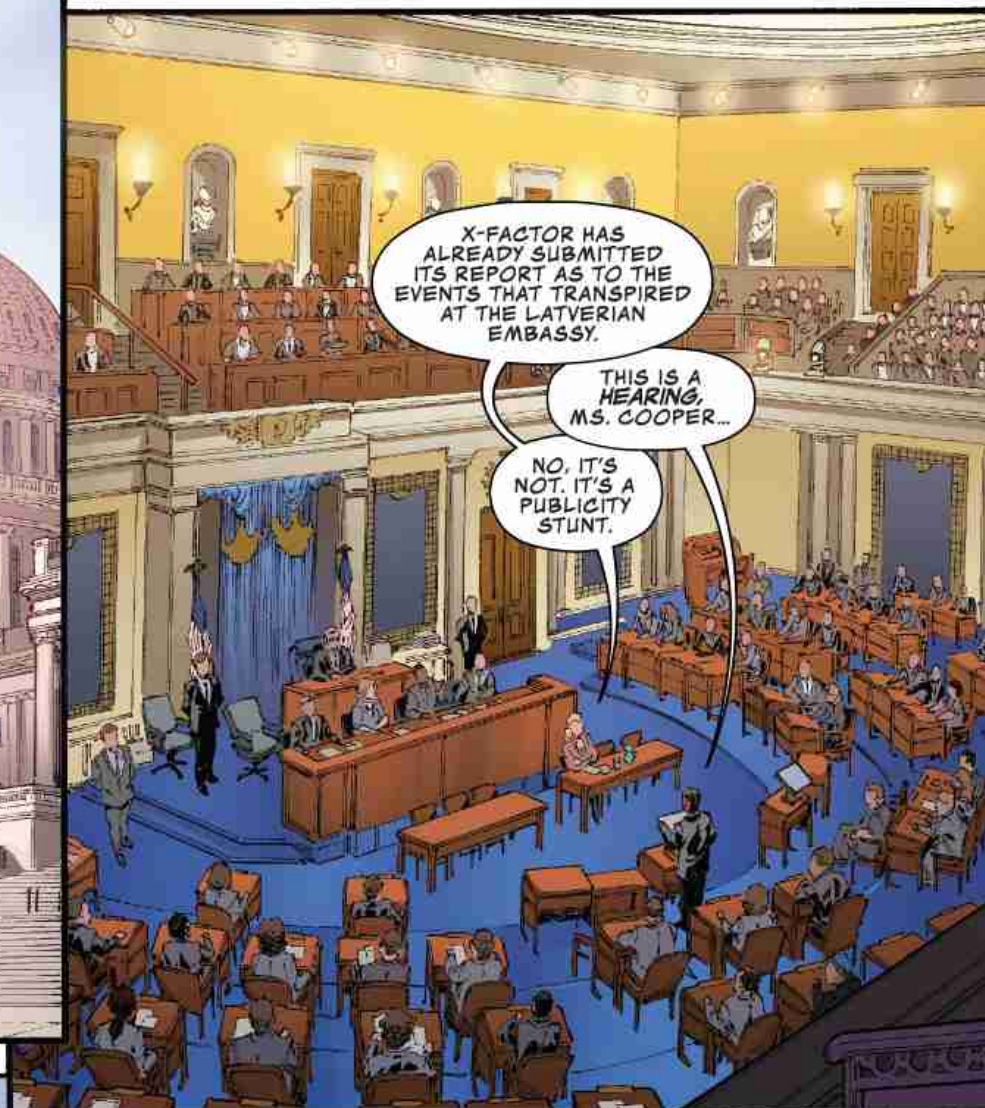
X-MEN LEGENDS #5





THIS HEARING IS CALLED TO ORDER. MS. COOPER, ARE YOU READY TO TESTIFY?

I AM, AND I WISH TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING I THINK THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME.



X-FACTOR HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED ITS REPORT AS TO THE EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED AT THE LATVERIAN EMBASSY.

THIS IS A HEARING, MS. COOPER...

NO, IT'S NOT. IT'S A PUBLICITY STUNT.



IT'S PART OF THIS GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO VILIFY MUTANTS.

IF THE AVENGERS HAD HANDLED THIS, YOU'D BE AWARDED THEM MEDALS.

BUT IT WAS MUTANTS, SO NATURALLY SUSPICION RULES.



THAT'S ENOUGH, MS. COOPER. PLEASE CONFINE YOURSELF TO ANSWERING OUR QUERIES.

ARE YOU AND YOUR TEAM READY FOR SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS?



BRING IT ON.

X-MEN LEGENDS

After the original members rejoined the X-Men, government liaison
VALERIE COOPER assembled a new team of mutants to comprise a brand-new

X FACTOR



ALEX
SUMMERS
HAVOK



LORNA
DANE
POLARIS



GUIDO
CAROSELLA
STRONG GUY



PIETRO
MAXIMOFF
QUICKSILVER



RAHNE
SINCLAIR
WOLFSBANE



JAMIE
MADROX
MULTIPLE MAN

But just because mutants and humans are working together
doesn't mean the government necessarily trusts them...

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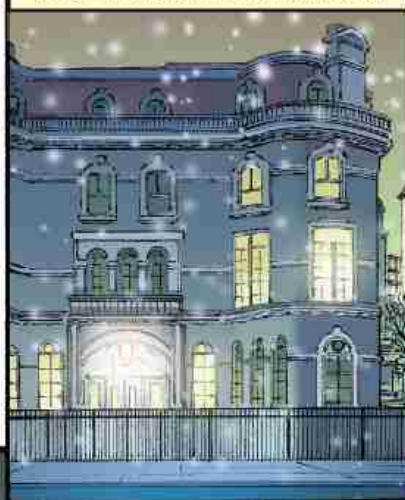
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"WHY WOULD THEY? CONSIDERING WHO THEIR COUNTRY IS RULED BY, YOU'D HAVE TO BE FIVE KINDS OF STUPID TO EVEN THINK ABOUT LAUNCHING AN ATTACK."

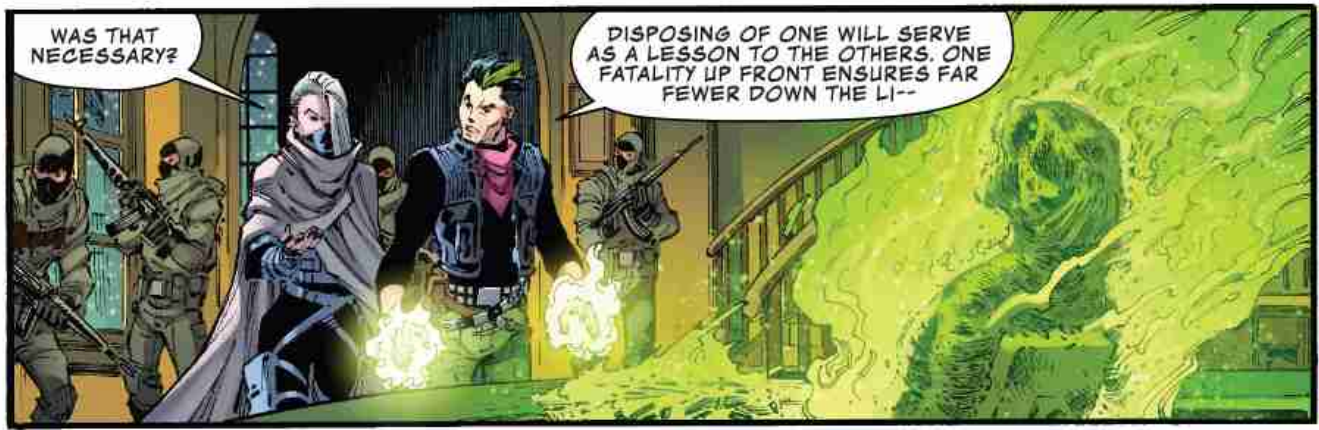


"UNFORTUNATELY, THAT DIDN'T LEAVE THEM PREPARED TO DEAL WITH WHAT HAPPENED NEXT."



HELLO. WELCOME TO LATVERIA. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?







BAKOOOM



SPREAD OUT. ROUND UP EVERY EMPLOYEE. LUGHNASA, SECURE THE DOOR.



DONE.

BELTANE, WITH ME.



LET'S TELL THE EMPLOYEES WHAT THEIR SITUATION IS...

AND WHY THEY MAY NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MAKING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

"THEIR NAMES WERE SAMHAIN, BELTANE, LUGHNASA, AND IMBOLC. THOSE ARE THE NAMES OF THE FOUR WITCHES' SABBATHS."

"SO YOU'RE SAYING THEY WERE WITCHES?"

NO. THEY WERE MUTANTS, LIKE US. LIKE X-FACTOR.

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OF THEM IN LATVERIA.



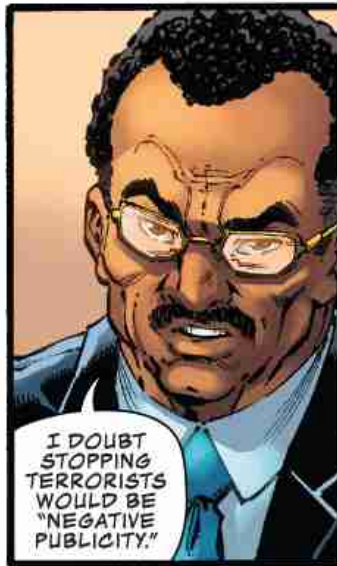
FORTUNATELY, WHEN WE WERE ALERTED TO THE SITUATION, WE WERE READY TO LEAP IN.







BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT THE NEGATIVE PUBLICITY.



I DOUBT STOPPING TERRORISTS WOULD BE "NEGATIVE PUBLICITY."



DON'T ANY OF YOU WATCH TELEVISION? READ NEWSPAPERS?



THESE LATVERIAN MUTANTS ARE HEROES! DARING TO STAND UP TO THE PREMIER VILLAIN IN THE WORLD AND SAY, "WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH!"

THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN MEDALS!



"WITH PUBLIC REACTION TURNING TO FAVOR THE DEMANDS, THE FF WANTED TO KEEP THEIR HANDS CLEAN. SO THEY REASONED..."



FOB IT OFF ONTO THE MUTANTS. LET THEM TAKE THE HIT. NO ONE CARES ABOUT THEIR REPUTATION.

I'M SORRY, MR. MAXIMOFF, I SIMPLY DON'T AGREE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION.

DISAGREE AWAY.

AND WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THIS WAS GOING ON?



ELSEWHERE.





I'M GETTING CONCERNED. WHERE'S THE REST OF THE CREW?

I'M SURE THEY'LL BE ALONG. I TOLD THEM WHAT WAS GOING ON AND INSTRUCTED THEM TO GET OVER HERE.



ZWAKOWWWW

AAAAHHH!!



YOU'RE VERY JUMPY.

SHUFF! SHUFF!

SO: I'M HERE. TERRORISTS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE LATVERIAN EMBASSY. WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?



I HAVE A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU.

I HAVE A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT WHILE THE OTHERS ATTACK THE EMBASSY?

THEY'RE NOT ATTACKING THE EMBASSY.



THEN WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE?

WHAT DO YOU--?



HOLY--

**IT'S X-FACTOR TIME,
YA BLOKKS!**

YEAH, THAT'S
NOT GONNA WORK,
DUDE. WE NEED A
BETTER CHARGING
SLOGAN.

AW,
SHADDUP,
MADROX.





OOOOFF!



THEY'RE
GETTING THROUGH!
THERE'S TOO MANY
OF THEM!

WELL, NOW
THERE'S MORE!
IS THE DOOR
SECURE?!

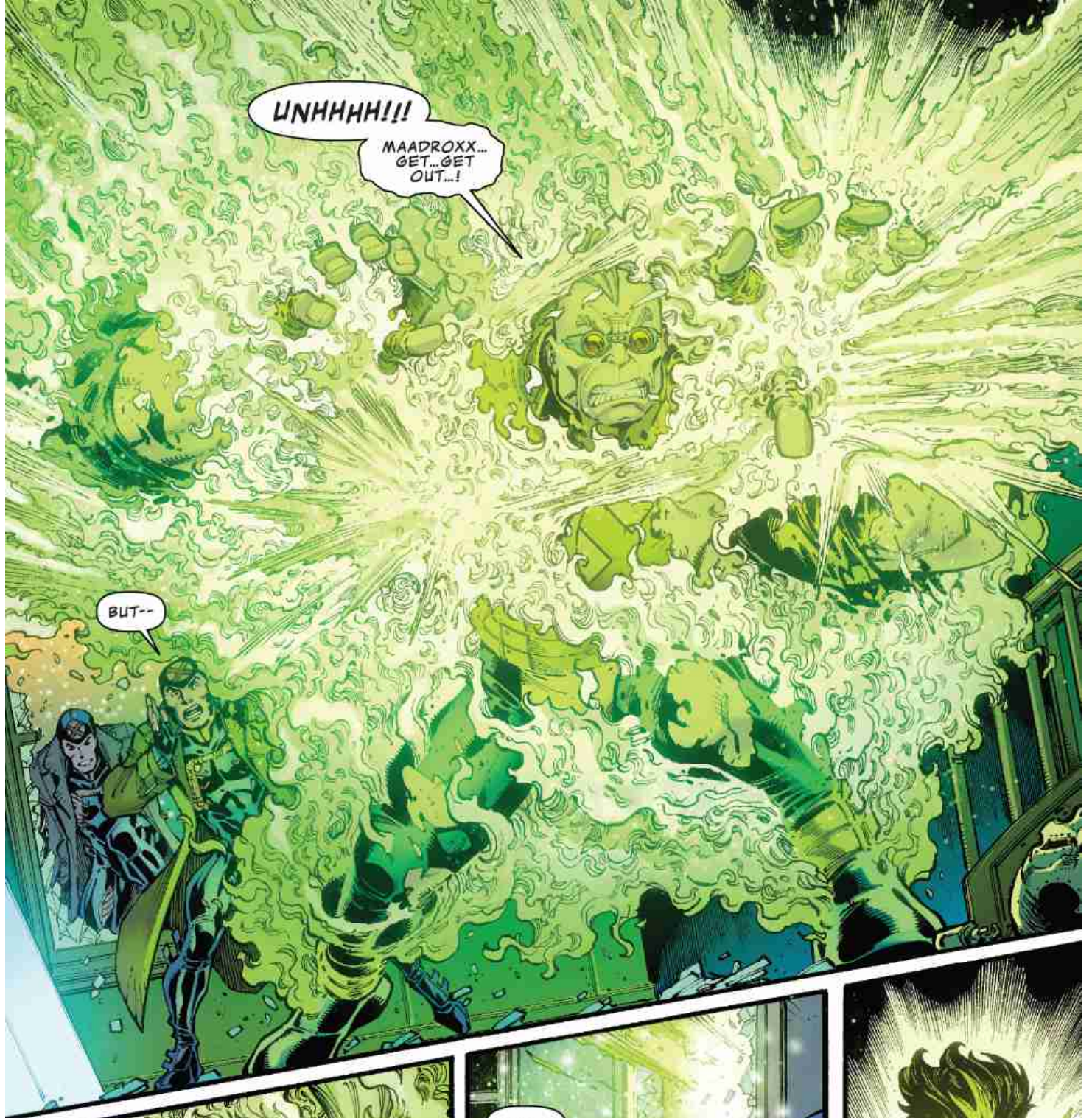
I
THOUGHT
THERE WERE
TWO!

YES,
IT'S SECURE.
BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
WINDOWS?

OUR INTEL
SAYS THE
WINDOWS ARE
POLYCARBONATE
SECURITY GLASS.
THEY'RE
UNBREAKABLE.







UNHHHH!!!

MAADROXX...
GET... GET
OUT...!

BUT--



GO!!!

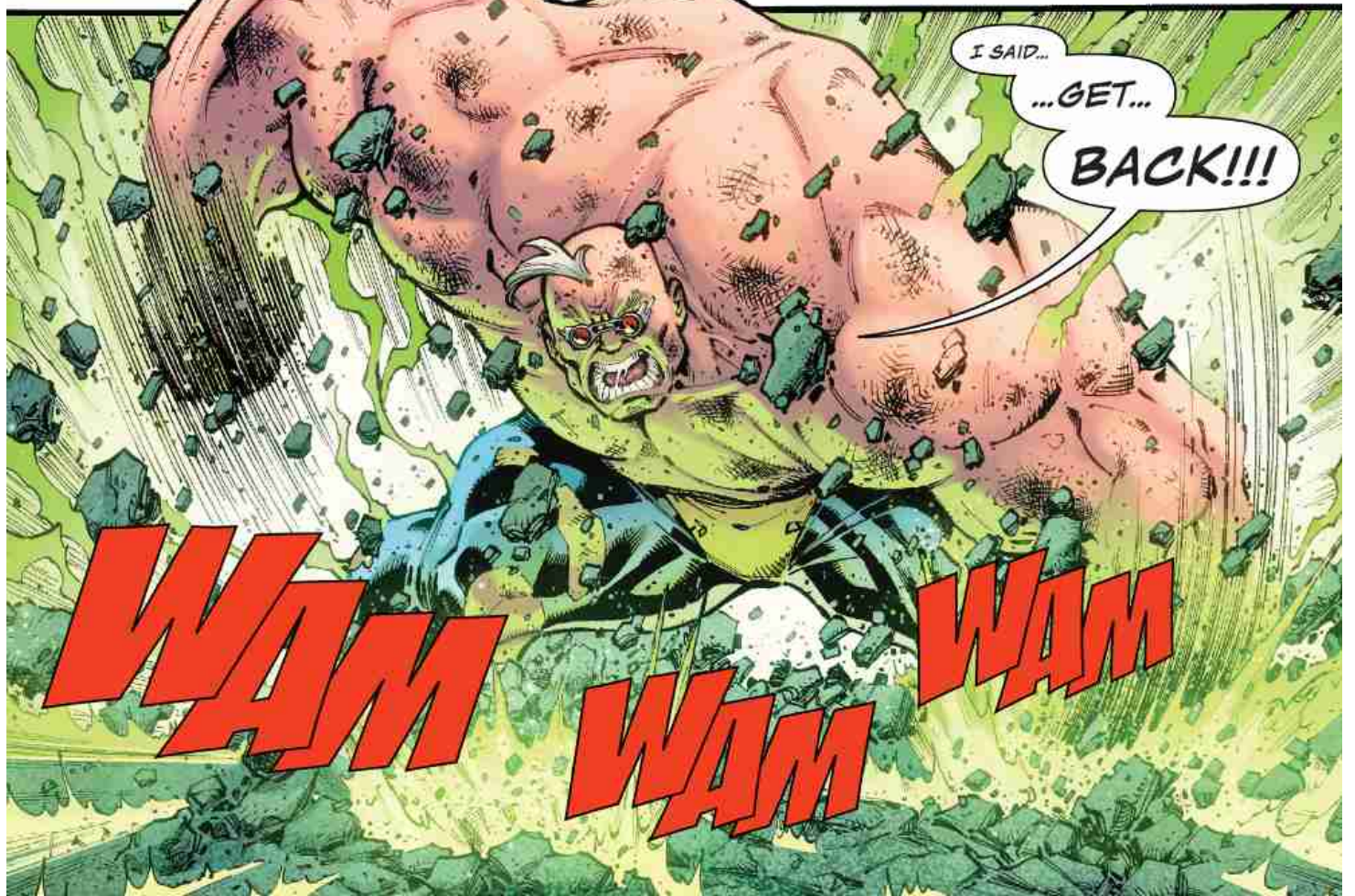


GEEZ...



HOW... THE
HELL... IS HE
RESISTING...?

WHAT IS HE...
MADE OUT
OF...?





WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?!

GUIDO, WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'D THEY DO TO YOU?!



HIT ME WITH SOME KINDA... MYSTIC FLAME...

IF I WERE HUMAN... I'D BE DEAD...

AS IT WAS... I ABSORBED IT... BUT I...

GOD, IT HURT...

STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION...

WE HAD A PLAN, HAVOK.

A PLAN? YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO HEADQUARTERS.

WELL, VAL SAID WE HAD A SITUATION, SO WE FIGURED WE'D HANDLE IT...



HANDLE IT? YOU CAME UP WITH SOME HALF-WIT PLAN THAT DIDN'T WORK--!

IT WORKED FINE.

HOW DID IT WORK? YOUR ATTACK FAILED.

WE WEREN'T AN ATTACK.

THEN WHAT WERE YOU?



A DISTRACTION.



A
DISTRACTION
FOR YOU?

AYE. AH'M THE
MOST STEALTHY.
WE DECIDED AH
COULD SNEAK IN,
SCOPE OUT
THE AREA.

"AH INSPECTED THE
AREA, TRYIN' T'SEE
EXACTLY WHAT WE
WERE UP AGAINST.
AND AH...HEARD
SOME THINGS."



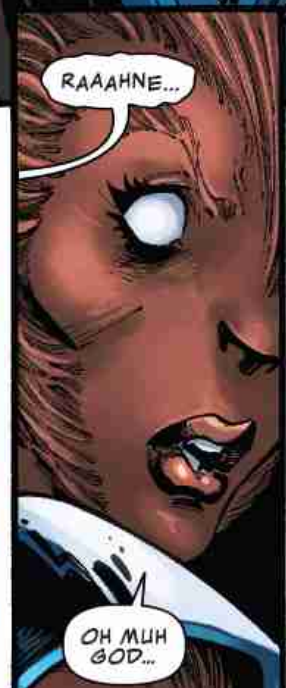
I TELL YOU,
I'M HOPING
THEY SUCCEED.
TO BE RID OF
DOOM...

SAY
THAT A LITTLE
LOUDER. HIS
INTERNAL MONITOR
DEVICES MIGHT'VE
MISSED IT.



THINGS ARE
FINE UNDER DOOM.
COUNTRY'S NEVER
BEEN MORE
SECURE...

WHAT ARE
YOU SNIFFING,
AND CAN I
HAVE SOME?



RAAAHNE...

OH MUH
GOD...



YOU DID
THIS TO ME,
DAUGHTER. YOU
DID THIS...

REV...
REVEREND
CRAIG...YOU...
NO, I...

YOU TORE
ME APART...
TREATED ME
AS I KNEW YOU
WOULD...LIKE A
MONSTER...

**A MUTANT
MONSTER!!!**

N...NO!



TO BE CONTINUED!

NEXT:

X-MEN LEGENDS #6



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